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# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Avard Tennyson Fairbanks

Berwyn, Illinois

1959

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## **Famous Sculptor Executing Lincoln Landmark for New Association**

Dr. Avard Fairbanks, sculptor and professor at the University of Utah, is presently drawing plans for the Lincoln Statue which will landmark the new Lincoln Federal Association building. Dr. Fairbanks is well known throughout the world for his famous works.

He has executed the Lincoln Statue at New Salem State Park. That statue is at the entrance to the restored New Salem Village. The "Chicago Lincoln" is another masterpiece by the genius from Utah. This latest composition was unveiled in October, 1956, in Lincoln Square; and it is pointed out that this is one of the great Abraham Lincoln statues in existence.

Abraham Lincoln often has been the subject for Dr. Fairbanks' endeavors. His statue, "Lincoln, The Frontiersman," was completed in 1941, and erected at the Ewa Plantation School near Honolulu.

Dr. Fairbanks has made an intensive study of Lincoln and as a result is well qualified to present the "Great Emancipator" in the likeness which will be most befitting of the position his statue will occupy at Lincoln Federal.

## Lincoln's Life Influences Change in Berwyn Bank

(Picture on page 4)

A retired CTA conductor's interest in Lincolniana has had its impact at a Berwyn federal savings and loan association.

Because of Ted Borucki, 2332 Clinton av., Berwyn, the firm: [1] Changed its name from Lombard to Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan association. [2] Will unveil a bust of Lincoln in June and another Lincoln statue in 1959, both made by renowned Sculptor Dr. Avard Fairbanks of the University of Utah.

[3] Is planning to install a Lincoln library in its new offices which open this summer at 6655 W. Cermak rd.

### A Contagious Interest

When Borucki retired from the CTA and came to the loan firm as a custodian in 1950,

he passed along his interest in Lincoln to Frank J. Kinst, Elmhurst, company president.

The official found Lincoln a fascinating study, and made the name change and other plans as he became enmeshed in the life and times of the Illinois man who rose to the Presidency. Kinst also became active in the Civil War Round Table and the Lincoln Heritage club, and stocked his library with some 500 volumes on Lincoln.

### Read Them All

"Kinst isn't just a collector," said Ralph Newman, proprietor of the Abraham Lincoln Book shop and famous Lincoln authority. "He reads the books he buys."

Newman was sought out by Kinst to advise the association

in linking the firm with the emancipator.

"They realized it was a responsibility and wanted to undertake the promotion with propriety," said Newman.

## Admirers of Great Emancipator



## LINCOLN BUST, STATUE TO BE PLACED IN BANK

## New Building Is Being Erected

### Slate Unveiling


The two sculptures of Lincoln are being made at Newman's suggestion. The first, a 36 inch marble bust, will be unveiled in tentatively scheduled June 30 ceremonies opening the association's \$500,000 building adjacent to its present quarters. The other, to be unveiled in 1959, will be a 14 foot bronze statue of Lincoln with a girl, a boy, and a dog, which will be placed in front of the association building.

Detailed plans for the library have not been completed, but it is expected to be ready for the opening of the new offices. Kinst said 200 books are on hand now and the library eventually will contain from 1,200 to 1,300 volumes.

And how is Borucki taking all this?

Said Kinst: "He's in his glory."





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## *L*INCOLN, the Friendly Neighbor"

*Dr. Avard Fairbanks, sculptor*

*Dedicated July 4, 1959*

*Lincoln Circle, Berwyn, Ill.*

Cast in bronze, the statue stands 13 feet high. It is the first major statue of Lincoln to stand in a Chicago suburb and is the sixth in the Chicago area.

The inscription on the statue is a quotation from a letter by Abraham Lincoln, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships," emphasizing our 16th President's warm interest in the life of the community, and especially in the children of the community.







**Sen. Paul H. Douglas**



**Dr. Avard Fairbanks**



**Dr. Ralph Newman**

*Avard Fairbanks* *Ralph Newman*

**Senator Paul H. Douglas** . . . . Delivered the dedication speech commemorating the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

**Dr. Avard Fairbanks** . . . . World famous sculptor and professor at the University of Utah, Dr. Fairbanks also executed the 36-inch white Italian marble bust of Lincoln in our lobby. He is noted for his many Lincoln works, including the statue now at New Salem State Park; his famous "Lincoln, the Frontiersman" erected at the Ewa Plantation School in Hawaii; and his other famous Chicago statue, "The Chicago Lincoln," which was unveiled in 1956.

**Dr. Ralph G. Newman** . . . . Lincoln scholar and owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Dr. Newman serves as historical consultant to Lincoln Federal, directs our exhibits of Lincoln documents, and advises the institution on our public affairs program.

# *City of Berwyn Resolution*

On June 9, 1959 the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Berwyn City Council:

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the year 1959 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Illinois' greatest son, Abraham Lincoln, on February 12, 1809; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 to 1865; and

WHEREAS, his life and ideals played an important part in the history of the United States during a critical period of its history; and

WHEREAS, his spoken and written words and his philosophy of government have continued to have influence in our government and in our daily way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, in a joint Resolution, has created a Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission to provide for appropriate and nationwide observance of the 150th anniversary of the birth of this great American; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois has appointed an Illinois Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission to plan appropriate and statewide observances of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Illinois' immortal Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in the city of Berwyn, County of Cook and State of Illinois, there is soon to be dedicated a heroic bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln to be placed on the Southeast corner of Cermak Road and Riverside Drive; and

WHEREAS, this great artistic tribute to the Great Emancipator is being designed by one of the world's leading sculptors, Avard Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, this likeness of Abraham Lincoln, to be known as "Lincoln, the Friendly Neighbor," is being dedicated for the benefit of the citizens of Berwyn and all visitors to our community from across the world by an institution that bears the name of our great president from Illinois, to-wit: Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon us as a community to provide for the proper observance of the birth of this great man who has continued to be a force in our history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERWYN that, in order to properly commemorate this great anniversary in our nation's history and in recognition of this beautiful enduring tribute to this great American which is to become a permanent part of our own community, the area intersected by Cermak Road, Riverside Drive and Wesley Avenue in the city of Berwyn, shall from this day forward be known as "LINCOLN CIRCLE," and that appropriate markers shall be erected in this area designating it by this name.

WILLIAM J. KRIZ, *Mayor*

EMIL VACIN, *City Clerk*

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SPRINGFIELD

WILLIAM G. STRATTON  
GOVERNOR

June 20, 1959

Mr. Frank J. Kinst  
Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association  
Lincoln Circle  
Berwyn, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kinst:

I want to congratulate the City of Berwyn and Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association on the occasion of the dedication of the Lincoln Statue, "Lincoln, The Friendly Neighbor". The many Lincoln statues across the country and throughout the world each represent a particular community's view of the greatest American. Some see him as the "Rail Splitter", the "Emancipator", the "President", and so forth. It is appropriate that in your community, you choose to honor Lincoln as a neighbor.

We in Springfield, a hundred years after he left our community, still treasure memories of Lincoln, the neighbor. I am happy that "Lincoln, The Friendly Neighbor" is being dedicated in Illinois.

I also want to commend the city council of Berwyn for designating the area intersected by Cermak Road, Riverside Drive, and Wesley Avenue, where the statue will be located, as Lincoln Circle. It is appropriate that this area, which will henceforth be identified with the Lincoln story, have a Lincoln name.

I regret that I cannot be with you on the occasion of the dedication, but I shall be abroad and will not return until the fifth of July.

With best wishes and kind personal regards.

Sincerely,  
*William G. Stratton*  
Governor

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# *History of*

## "THE FRIENDLY LINCOLN"

As a tribute to the 16th President of the United States, the Board of Directors of Lincoln Federal decided to erect a major statue to their namesake, Abraham Lincoln. They wanted to create a landmark that would symbolize the dedication of the Association to the life and principles of Illinois' greatest son.

Abraham Lincoln has been depicted on canvas and in bronze and marble as "The Emancipator," "The President," "The Railsplitter." The Directors felt that a statue of Lincoln as a friendly neighbor would best reflect their own attitude and the spirit of the community.

Frank J. Kinst, president of Lincoln Federal, consulted Ralph Newman, who recommended Dr. Avard Fairbanks, sculptor of several famous Lincoln statues. Dr. Fairbanks liked the idea of "The Friendly Lincoln" and now, after two years of work, the statue is completed.



41" X 30" approx.



## “THE ENDURING LINCOLN”

In the lobby of Lincoln Federal, at the entrance, stands the white marble bust of Abraham Lincoln called “The Enduring Lincoln” by Avard Fairbanks.

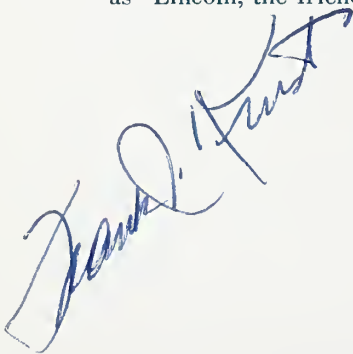
Abraham Lincoln’s concern for the future is reflected in the quotation on the marble pedestal, “The struggle of today is not altogether for today — it is for a vast future also.” The spirit of “The Enduring Lincoln” reflects Lincoln Federal’s philosophy about the future — that it is today’s efforts that will assure a secure tomorrow.



# LINCOLN ...

## *The Friendly Neighbor*

Just as Lincoln, the man, was a friend and leader in his community, we at Lincoln Federal strive to establish and maintain friendships with our customers and their families, to encourage community prosperity, and actively to support the educational, religious, and recreational activities in our community so that we, too, may be thought of as "Lincoln, the friendly neighbor."



*President*



**FRANK J. KINST**

Mr. Kinst, President and Director of Lincoln Federal, has been affiliated with the association for over 23 years. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln College, the Civil War Round Table, and the Illinois Historical Society. He has served on the Berwyn and Yorkfield school boards, and is now a board member of High School District 88, Elmhurst. He lives in Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, with his wife and five children. He is a member of Berwyn Kiwanis, Elks, Moose, Past President of Yorkshire Woods Assn., and is active in Boy Scout work. He attended Morton High School, Morton Jr. College and Northwestern University.





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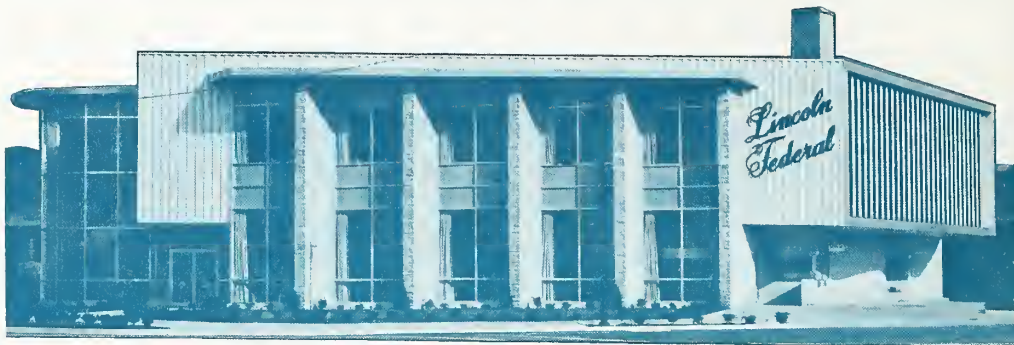
### **NEW SALEM MEETING ROOM**

An enjoyable meeting place for professional and civic groups stimulating interest in education and better government. Mary Todd dining room adjoining.

## Our 43 Years . . .

Lincoln Federal adopted the name "Lincoln" in March, 1957. Founded in 1916 as Lombard Savings and Loan, the Association's resources have grown from its first year's \$50,000 to the current total of more than \$25,000,000 in its 43 year history.

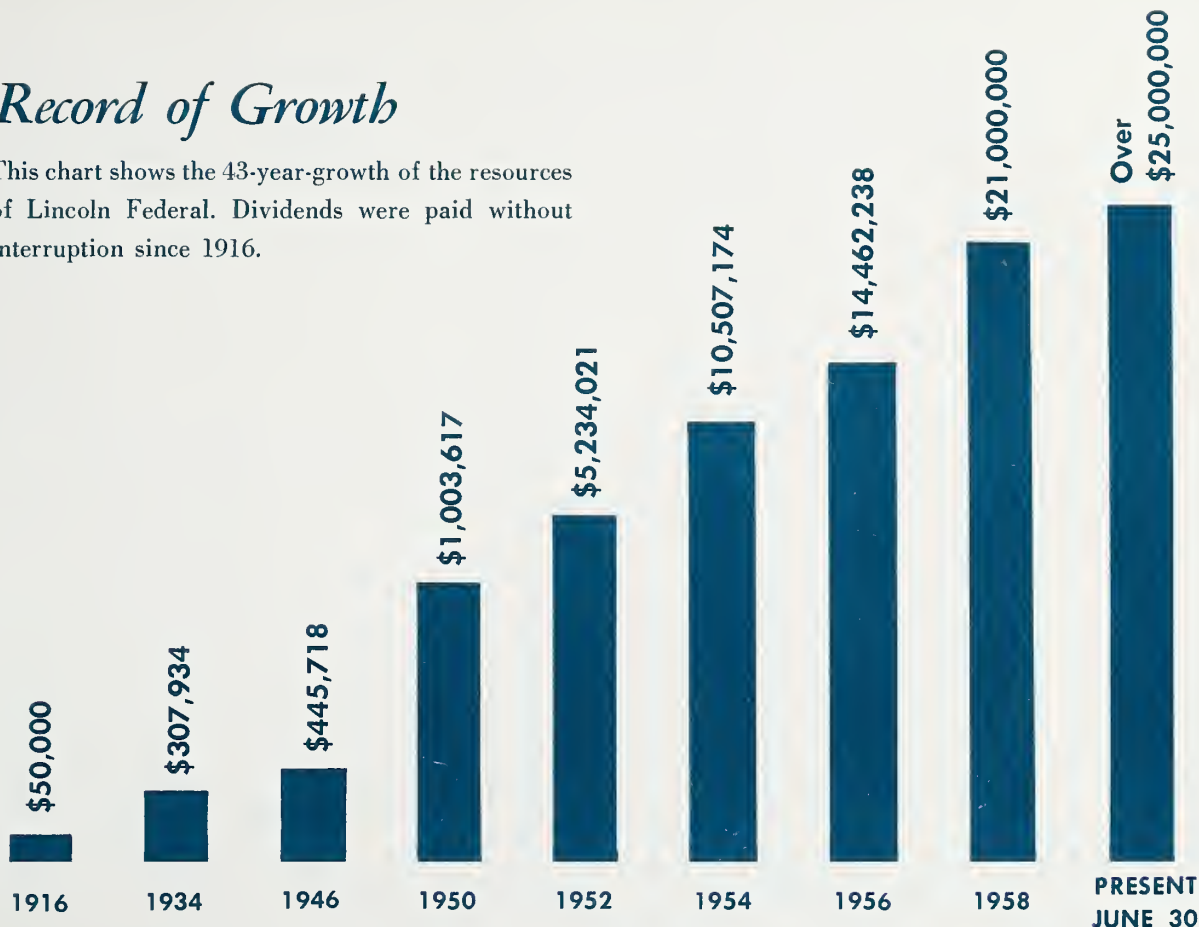
Originally employing two people, Lincoln Federal now employs 25, with the average length of service over seven years. This is substantially higher than the national average of years' service for savings and loan employees.



Customer services are being expanded and developed constantly at Lincoln. Among the most popular Lincoln facilities are the two drive-up windows, after hours walk-up teller window, Lincoln Library, home planning center, the Tad and Willie children's TV playroom, the Mary Todd hospitality room, and our New Salem Community room, which is available to civic and professional groups.

## *Record of Growth*

This chart shows the 43-year-growth of the resources of Lincoln Federal. Dividends were paid without interruption since 1916.



SAVINGS EARN DIVIDENDS OF 4%, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1959



## EXTRA SAFETY

Savings placed in Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Assn. have the benefit of insurance up to \$10,000 by the FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN INSURANCE CORP., an instrumentality of the United States Government.

*Further, savings in Lincoln Federal are protected by:*

1. The security of sound, first mortgage loans on homes in western suburbs, U.S. Government bonds, and other high-grade assets.
2. Sound, progressive operating policies directed by the Board of Directors.
3. Annual examinations and audits required by the insurance regulations, and
4. Insurance against loss afforded by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.
5. The Federal Home Loan Bank, which acts as a giant "credit reservoir."

### ***Directors:***

JOSEPH E. ROSOL, *Chairman, Board of Directors*  
FRANK J. KINST      ANTON P. MOUREK  
PHILLIP R. KASIK      HARRY H. SMITH  
WILLIAM KINST      JOSEPH SONNLEITNER  
C. A. LINDER      OTTO SPILKA

### ***Directors Emeritus:***

BOHUMIL PAVLIS      FRANK J. ROSOL

### ***Officers:***

FRANK J. KINST, *President*  
E. E. SOCOLOFSKY, *Vice President-Treasurer*  
ALBERT SEDLACEK, *Vice President*  
MILES JANOUSEK, *Vice President*  
EDNA C. KUBIK, *Secretary*  
OLGA JANIK, *Assistant Secretary*

### ***Attorney:***

GEORGE A. NOVAK

### ***Historical Consultant:***

RALPH G. NEWMAN

# *One Stop Financial Service*

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- Savings Accounts
- Investment Accounts
- School Thrift Plan
- Mortgage Loans
- Home Improvement Loans
- Christmas Club
- Vacation Club
- U. S. Savings Bonds
- Money Orders
- Notary Public Service
- Gas Bills Accepted
- Travelers' Cheques
- Coin Counting and Wrapping
- Save By Mail Plan

## HOME LOAN PLANS

### HOME BUYERS . . .

A qualified person wishing to buy a home may extend his payments up to 25 years, with monthly payments that include interest on the loan, payments on the principal, and insurance and taxes on the dwelling. Construction loans may be arranged in a similar manner for a person wanting to build his own home. FHA loans are also offered by Lincoln Federal, where this type of plan would suit the borrower.

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS . . .

A home owner who wishes to repair or remodel his property may obtain financing from Lincoln Federal in any amount up to \$3,500, repayable in low, monthly installments up to five years.

### VETERANS . . .

Qualified veterans who wish to buy or build a home may obtain a VA Loan from Lincoln Federal. Our Association has so far provided over \$1,200,000 to veterans through low down payment VA Loans.



*Lincoln Federal*

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LINCOLN, THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR  
DEDICATED JULY 4, 1959

Lincoln's New Salem Enterprises, Inc., Petersburg, Ill.

An heroic bronze statue of our Sixteenth President, reaching a height of thirteen feet, located in Lincoln Circle, Berwyn, Illinois. Erected by the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association of Berwyn, as a tribute to their namesake, the work represents the desire of the Board of Directors to create a landmark that would symbolize the dedication of the Association to the life and principles of Illinois' greatest son. The work of the eminent American sculptor, Avard Fairbanks, this statue is the first major work of this type to be erected in a Chicago suburb.

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*Avard Fairbanks*

*Being a tribute to Abraham Lincoln in the Sesquicentennial year of his birth*

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*July Fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine*

*Lincoln Circle, Cermak Road and Riverside Drive*

*Berwyn, Illinois*

*We are indebted to: MR. FRITZ PLOEGMAN, Director, Berwyn Playground and Recreation Commission for the cooperation of his department; the Berwyn Community Band under the Direction of FRANK J. BOKER sponsored by B.P.R.C. and V.F.W. Post 2378 and Bugler MILTON HUBATKA.*

*We wish to thank MR. DONALD M. GERLINGER, Chairman of the Wisconsin Civil War Centennial Commission and MR. JEROME M. SLECHTA, Chairman of the Wisconsin Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, for arranging for the appearance of the Wisconsin Confederate Color Guard.*

*We are grateful to the Morton High School Music Department and MRS. EL JEAN ROBINSON for the presence of the Morton Militaires at this ceremony.*



— *Program* —

RAISING THE NEW FORTY-NINE STAR FLAG

*Blackhawk District, West Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America*

DR. RALPH G. NEWMAN, *Master of Ceremonies*

. . . *Introduction of Distinguished Guests* . . .

*The* HONORABLE WILLIAM J. KRIZ, *Mayor of Berwyn*

JUDGE ROBERT F. JERRICK, *Police Magistrate*

*The* MORTON MILITAIRES, *Directed by Mrs. El Jean Robinson*

DR. RAYMOND DOOLEY, *President, Lincoln College*

DR. AVARD FAIRBANKS, *Sculptor*

FRANK J. KINST, *President, Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association*

*The* HONORABLE PAUL H. DOUGLAS

*United States Senator from Illinois*

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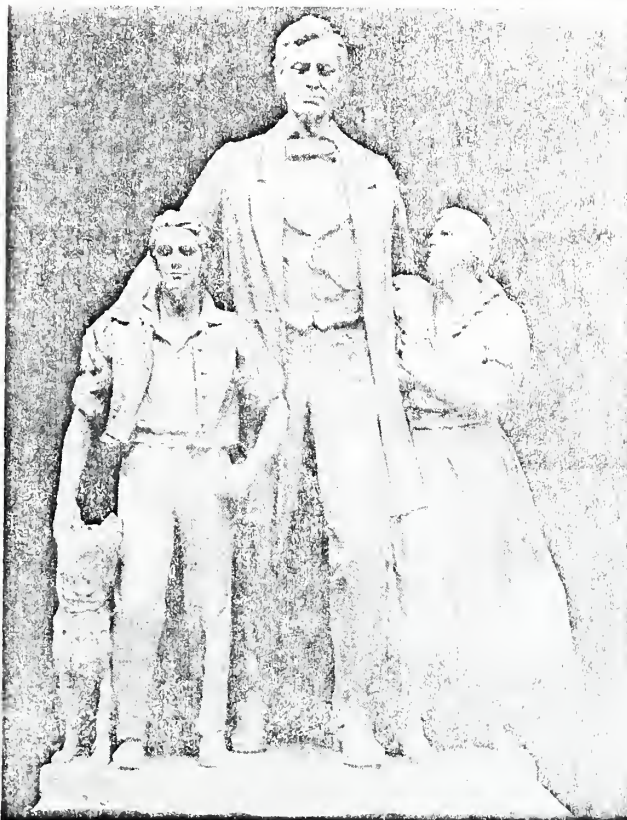
**A MAJOR STATUE OF ABE LINCOLN** is going up in the Chicago suburbs for the first time. The \$45,000, 13-foot statue is the work of **Avard Fairbanks**, famous sculptor, who was commissioned by the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of Berwyn. It'll be unveiled July 4 by **Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.)**.

# The Birth Of a Statue

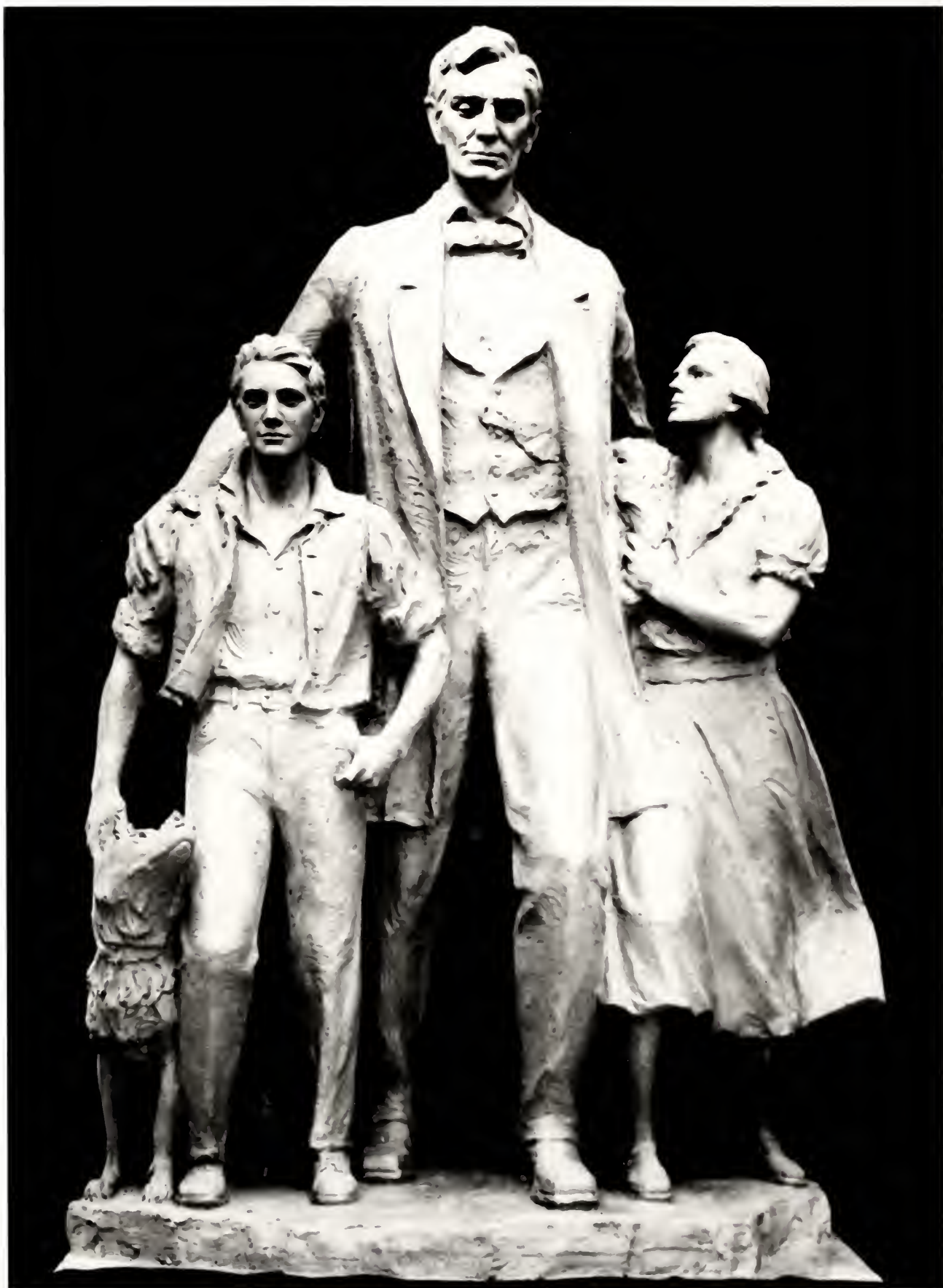


1. LEFT: The armature, or skeleton, of new Abraham Lincoln statue by famed sculptor Dr. Averd Fairbanks. The working model of the statue, showing the 16th President with a boy and a girl and a dog, is at right. The statue was commissioned by the Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association of Berwyn.

2. RIGHT: Dr. Fairbanks fills out the bones of the statue with clay. Helping him are his sons, Jonathan and Justin. A plaster cast is made from the clay. The final bronze statue is then cast from the plastic.



3. The completed statue, standing 13 feet high, which will be unveiled on July 4 by Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) at Lincoln Circle, 6700 Cermak, Berwyn. The statue took two years to complete.



LINCOLN THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

BY AVAROD T. FAIRBANKS





Hero Statue in Bronze  
by Award T. Fountaine sculptor  
Erected at Berwyn Illinois  
at Lincoln Savings + Loan Bank

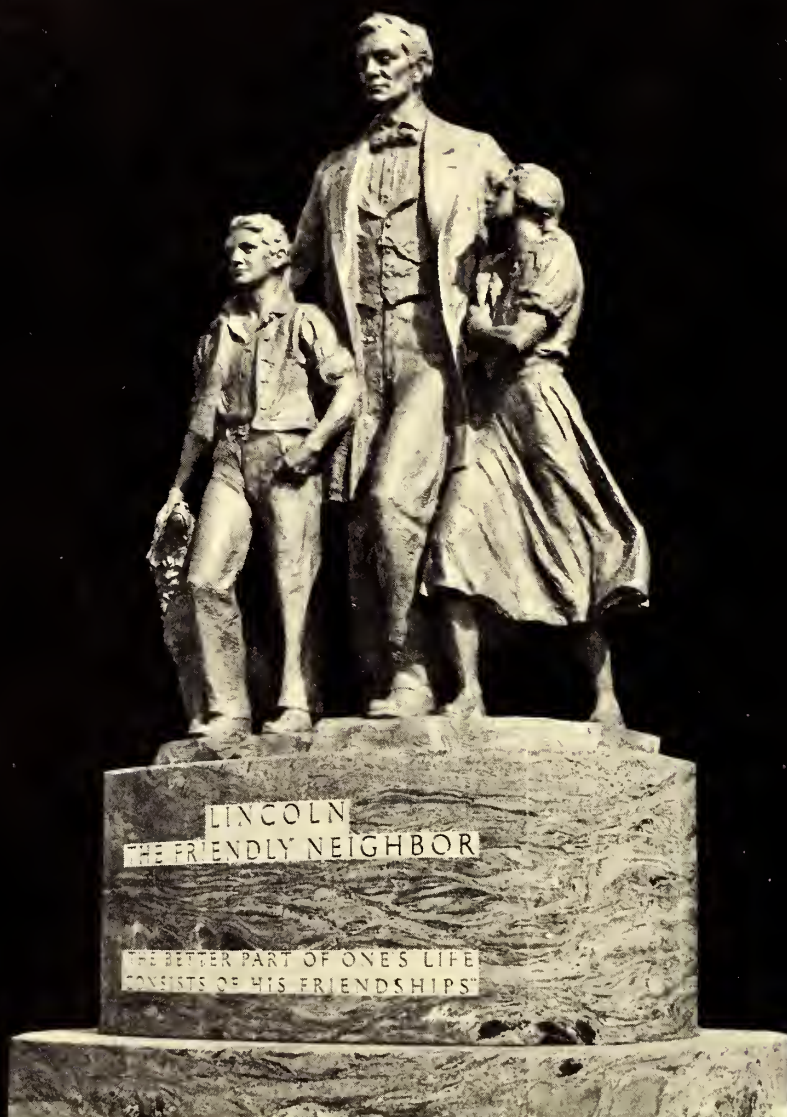


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## LINCOLN—THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

BERWYN, ILLINOIS

SCULPTOR — AVARD FAIRBANKS

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